

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests allowance of this application. Claims 1, 2, 4-7 and 14-18 are pending in the application. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's reasons for rejecting Claims 8-13. Nevertheless, Applicant has canceled these claims without prejudice.

5 Applicant's claim cancelations have been made for the purpose of expediting allowance of Claims 1, 2, 4-7 and 14-18, and do not in any way indicate Applicant's agreement with the rationale behind the Examiner's rejections. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the original claims, and other claims, in continuing applications.

10 Applicant respectfully submits that this application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. If there is any further hindrance to allowance of the pending claims, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned.

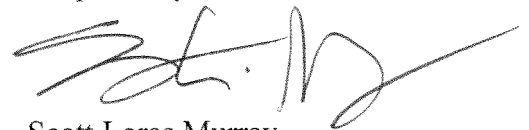
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